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BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY, November 6th, 2024

The House met at 10:00 AM in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Hall, Srinagar.

Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather, Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

At the commencement of the day's proceedings, the Hon'ble Speaker informed the House about the demise of the one ex-MLA namely Mr. Mohammad Yaqoob Bhat, Resident of Kulgam, whose name was not enlisted in yesterday's list of business for obituary references. In this connection, various communications to all Deputy Commissioners were issued for soliciting information with regard to details of exlegislators passed away during the intervening period right from year 2018 till date. However, the office of Deputy Commissioner Kulgam forwarded the communication bearing No.DEO/KGM/2024/10162-163 dated 17-10-2024 to the Assembly Secretariat wherein it was communicated that no ex-legislator has expired during the said period.

With the result the name of the ex-legislator was not reflected in the list of yesterday's obituary references presented in the House. The Hon'ble Speaker condemned the act in strong words. Meanwhile, the Chair paid rich tributes to the ex-legislator and directed the House to stand up and observe one minute silence in his honor.

Note: At this stage, one minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

Announcement regarding nomination of Chief Whips and Deputy Whip

The Hon'ble Speaker informed the House about the communication received from patron of National Conference Dr. Farooq Abdullah, wherein he has nominated the following Hon'ble Members as Chief Whip/ Deputy Whip of National Conference in the House:

- 1. Mr. Mubarak Gul, Chief Whip;
- 2. Mr. Altaf Ahmad Wani (Kaloo), Deputy Whip.

The Chair also announced the name of Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat, Hon'ble Member as Chief Whip of Congress Party in the House as nominated by the party besides, directed BJP to nominate the Chief Whip for their party. After that, the Hon'ble Speaker called Mr. Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister to move the Resolution, listed in the Supplementary List of Business.

Mr. Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister moved the following Resolution:

- "That this Legislative Assembly reaffirms the importance of the special status and constitutional guarantees, which safeguarded the identity, culture, and rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and expresses concern over their unilateral removal.
- 2. This Assembly calls upon the Government of India to initiate dialogue with elected representatives of people of Jammu and Kashmir for restoration of special status, constitutional guarantees and to workout constitutional mechanisms for restoring these provisions.
- This Assembly emphasizes that any process for restoration must safeguard both national unity and the legitimate aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir".

Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo, Hon'ble Minister seconded the Motion.

Note: At this stage, Mr. Sunil Kumar Sharma, Leader of Opposition vehemently opposed the Motion and stated that it was not part of the listed business adding that the issue involved in Resolution has already been decided and passed in both the Houses of the Parliament, so it is liable to be rejected. Meanwhile, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Sham Lal Sharma while standing from his seat also opposed the Resolution and stated that they rejected the Resolution and arguing that it was not on the agenda. Simultaneously, all the Hon'ble Members of National Conference and its allies including Mr. Sajad

Gani Lone, Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Sheikh and Members of PDP stood up in favour of passing the Resolution. However, all the Hon'ble Members of BJP stood up from their seats and created turbulence in the House amid sloganeering against the Motion. The Hon'ble Speaker directed all the Hon'ble Members to resume their seats and endeavored to pacify the agitating Hon'ble Members of BJP. But they continued to disturb the proceedings of the House and demanded that this Resolution should be rejected.

Note: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Sheikh (Independent) tried to torch into the well of the House but was stopped by the Watch & Ward staff of Assembly Secretariat under the direction of the Chair.

The Hon'ble Speaker repeatedly requested agitating BJP legislators to resume their seats but they continued their protest while stating that they would not allow the House to pass the said Resolution resulting uproarious scenes and nothing was audible in the din.

Note: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat stood in favour of Resolution and criticized the BJP Members for dishonouring the House and stated that every Hon'ble Member has a right to express his views on the matter in a dignified manner and nobody can refrain us from our rights quaranteed under the constitution.

The Hon'ble Speaker once again stood up from his Chair and directed all the legislators to observe ethical code of conduct and discipline in the

House but the Hon'ble Members of National Conference, Congress and other alliance partners supported by Hon'ble Members belonging to PDP, JKPC and Independents demanded to pass the Resolution whereas the Hon'ble Members of BJP sought the rejection of Resolution and tore the copies of the Resolution and threw them into the Well of the House. Amid turbulence, the Hon'ble Speaker put the Resolution to vote. The House passed the Resolution with voice vote.

Note: At this stage, the Resolution was passed by the House with voice vote.

Amid chaos and fray between Hon'ble Members of BJP and National Conference, the House then adjourned at 10:19 AM for 15 minutes.

The House reassembled at 11:07 AM.

Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather, Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

No sooner, the Hon'ble Speaker held the Chair; the Leader of Opposition along with his party legislators already stood in the Well of the House in protest, shouted against the Chair while opposing the passing of Resolution by the House. However, the Hon'ble Speaker repeatedly directed the agitating Hon'ble Members to resume their seats but they paid no heed to the requests made by the Chair.

Discussion on Motion of Thanks on Lieutenant Governor's Address

The Hon'ble Speaker called the name of Hon'ble Member, Mr. Javid Hassan Baig to move the Motion of Thanks on Lieutenant Governor's Address.

Mr. Javid Hassan Baig, Hon'ble MLA moved the following Motion:-

"That an Address be presented to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor in the following terms:-

That the Members of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, assembled in this Session, are deeply grateful to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on November 4th, 2024".

Mr. Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, Hon'ble MLA seconded the Motion.

Hon'ble Speaker repeatedly directed the agitating Members to resume their seats but they refused to honour the directions of the Chair and demanded revocation of the passed Resolution. Amid turbulence, the House then again adjourned at 11:13 AM for one hour.

The House reassembled at 12:30 PM.

Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather, Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

The proceedings of the House started, the BJP legislators who were already sitting in the Well of the House continued their protest, shouted slogans against the Chair and demanded revocation of the passed resolution. However, the Hon'ble Speaker repeatedly requested the Hon'ble Members of BJP to take their seats and take part in the discussion on Lieutenant Governor's Address but the agitating Hon'ble Members protested vehemently. The Hon'ble Speaker advised the BJP legislators to bring "No Confidence Motion" against him for not believing in the Chair. However, the BJP

legislators did not get predisposed towards the Chair. The House then adjourned at 12:30 PM to meet again on Thursday, the 7th of November, 2024 at 10:00 AM in Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Hall, Srinagar.

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